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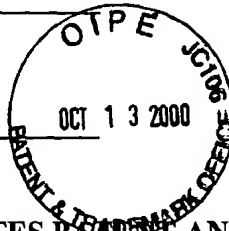
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Joshi, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/295,925

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: COMBINATION THERAPY  
USING NUCLEIC ACIDS AND RADIO  
THERAPY

Examiner: J. Voitach

Art Unit: 1632

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 7-9 as follows:

Sub 1

1. (Amended) A method of increasing the efficiency of [transformation] transfection of cycling cells, comprising:

synchronizing cells at a first stage of the cell cycle by contacting said cells with electromagnetic radiation, and

[transforming] transfecting said cells at a second stage of the cell cycle within about one cell cycle of said first stage with a nucleic acid that encodes a desired gene product.

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